

used in the past to dodge existing budgetary restraints. Targeted budget process reforms will compel Congress to return to the regiment and discipline of the budget and appropriations processes, and thereby force the government to establish priorities and abide by those priorities.

In an August of 1987 televised Oval Office address, President Reagan said, "The Congressional budget process is neither reliable nor credible; in short, it needs to be fixed." It has now been nearly a quarter-century since President Reagan sought to fix the budget process. It is time we heed his advice.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor our teachers here in the United States and across the globe by recognizing October 5 as World Teachers' Day.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day is an occasion to acknowledge the many ways teachers make a difference in the lives of their students and in their communities.

There is no doubt that teachers play a key role in our society. Quality education reduces poverty and inequality, and provides the building blocks for democracy and civic participation.

Every day, over 3.5 million educators across the country work to close achievement gaps, give children the opportunity to succeed, and ensure that we have the educated workforce necessary for a global economy. I am especially proud to recognize the over 300,000 teachers, educating over 6 million students my home State of California.

Last year, I was happy to work with Senator TOM HARKIN of Iowa to pass the Education Jobs Fund, which has kept over 100,000 teachers in the classroom teaching our children.

I know firsthand how much goes into teaching a child, and praise the talented and committed individuals in the United States and around the world who have dedicated their lives to teaching.

MAINE NATIONAL GUARD

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues this article from the Mountain Times in Killington, VT. The article highlights the outstanding work of the nearly 200 members of Maine National Guard's 133rd Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Gardiner, ME, which deployed to Vermont to help our neighbors deal with the destruction from Tropical Storm Irene. Senator LEAHY has told me several times how grateful the people of Vermont are for the assistance and how impressed they are with the professionalism of the Maine National Guard members. All of us in Maine are extremely proud of their outstanding work helping those who needed it most. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the fol-

lowing article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ANGELS WITH DIRTY FACES

(By Greg Crawford)

Well, maybe their faces are clean, but the men and women of the Maine National Guard's 133rd Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Gardiner, Maine, and commanded by Lt. Colonel Normand Michaud, sure got their boots muddy! And despite modest denials, they are, indeed, angels, at least to the grateful citizens of Stockbridge.

Following the historic flooding caused by the torrential rains of tropical storm Irene, the call went out to National Guard units in areas not quite so devastated by the storm, and they answered that call with incredible speed. Given the complexity of the logistics involved, and that the behemoth trucks essential to their work do not exactly zip over the road, especially when they have to negotiate flood-ravaged terrain, the fact that they managed to get here just a few days after the flooding occurred is nothing short of amazing. The 38-vehicle caravan took 16 hours to make the trip from Belfast, Maine, about 40 miles east of Augusta, where much of the equipment was stored.

Something like a quarter of a mile of Vermont Route 107 between Bethel and Stockbridge was washed downstream. In some places, the road hugged the near-vertical mountainsides with the river right next to it. Following Sunday's deluge, the river was rushing by at the foot of the mountain as if the road had never been there at all.

A NATIONAL GUARD TRUCK UNLOADS PALLETS OF BOTTLED WATER AT THE STOCKBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

But then the 133rd showed up, and things changed in a hurry. Their first task upon arrival was to erect the tents that would house the fifty-plus Guard members assigned to the Route 107 site and others around Stockbridge. It was fortunate that there was level ground beside Lambert's Power Tools, directly adjacent to the damaged highway. Before they could position the excavators, they had to build a dike to keep the muddy waters of the not-so-White River out of the area where their equipment would have to be situated. There's very fine, muddy silt everywhere, and though they had a couple of fair weather, the recent rains turned that silt into a thick soup that would have brought mere mortals to a standstill. But this is the 133rd Engineer Battalion. By Wednesday morning, they had already managed to restore a single, very rough lane where there had only been submerged rubble. This was wet, dirty and dangerous work, but according to Frank Lambert's daughter, one of the Guardswomen attached to this unit commented that she'd rather be here in Vermont's mud and rain than in Afghanistan. Small wonder. The 133rd has lost members to IEDs in previous deployments to that war-torn country.

That single lane of 107 is still barely navigable, even by 4-wheel drive vehicles, so it is not open to traffic as yet. But it is there. For that alone, 2nd Lieutenant Rand and the men and women of the 133rd Engineer Battalion have earned the undying gratitude of the residents of Stockbridge and the neighboring towns that depend on that highway.

A "BUCKET BRIGADE" SPEEDS THE TRANSFER OF PACKAGED BOTTLED WATER INDOORS

By the way, if anyone, Stockbridge resident or not, should encounter a Guard member from the 133rd, or any other National

Guard unit here to help, tell them, thank you. SPC Allison Pelletier of the 133rd's Public Affairs Office tells me that a much-appreciated expression of gratitude would be coffee and food. The MREs they're living on are better than they used to be . . . but they're still MREs. Some Dunkin' Donuts would go over pretty big, too, I'll bet. Hint, hint.

There are plenty of angels right here in Stockbridge, too. So many, in fact, that you can't swing a cat without smacking a Good Samaritan. My cat hates it when I do that.

Willis and Harry Whitaker, Mark Pelletier, Dave Brown, Peter Steibris, and God-only-knows how many others put in unbelievable hours making roads passable for emergency vehicles. They also reinforced the damaged abutment of Gaysville's 1929-vintage iron bridge.

Sid Hotchkiss and the McCullough brothers from Bethel have been working on the monster hole in River Road with bulldozers and an excavator.

Barbara Vellturo, Stephen Farrington, Cheryl Rivers, and others have slaved away over hot computers ferreting out information about the status of roads and bridges in surrounding towns and getting that information to Stockbridge residents by e-mail and postings to a Google Group called Stockbridge Open Forum. Paul Buckley has scouted all those roads daily to confirm the accuracy of the information.

Mark Doughty has coordinated meetings all over town to keep people up to date and convey residents' concerns to town officials.

Janet Whitaker has maintained a steady flow of information from a multitude of sources to keep the group forum's information current.

Jenny Harris has made innumerable runs to area pharmacies for prescriptions so residents in need don't run out of essential medications, and Mary Ellen Dorman, who knows everyone in town, has seen to it that they were all delivered to the right people.

Josh and Michelle Merrill, two former Gaysville residents now living in Rutland, are the people who, with the help of the Chittenden Fire Department and the Stockbridge Fire Department, got the ball rolling for the food shelves at the Stockbridge Elementary School and on the Stockbridge Common. Fifteen volunteers give of their time to organize and dispense all the items that fill the school's multi-purpose room.

Every day, there are people going out of their way to help someone. They neither expect, nor ask for, recognition; they just do what they know is right and move on. Makes it hard to catch 'em in the act.

Several people whose homes were damaged or destroyed, and those who simply can't get to their homes, have been taken in by generous and thoughtful neighbors. Furniture and appliances have been donated, or at least promised, to people in the process of rebuilding. Special efforts have been made to care for elderly, ill, or disabled residents, including helicopter and ambulance evacuations.

Were it possible to recount them all, the incidents of selfless generosity and assistance given to those less fortunate would fill this paper and two or three issues to come. Only a few have been mentioned here by name, but many more deserve recognition. However, I feel quite certain they are all content with the knowledge that they did some good.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING SPECIALIST DOUGLAS EDWARD DAHILL

• Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, this morning, at 10:45, in our Nation's

most prestigious military cemetery, Douglas Edward Dahill, a Vietnam war veteran from Lima, OH, was laid to rest. Forty years after being presumed dead, his family will gather at Arlington National Cemetery to honor his life in the hallowed place our Nation honors its heroes.

Douglas Dahill's story—and that of his family—is simultaneously exceptional and familiar. Dahill voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from Lima Senior High School, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father, and uncle, who had all served in the U.S. military during times of war.

Dahill was part of Detachment B52 Delta's Reconnaissance Team 6, which was dropped behind enemy lines on April 14, 1969 in South Vietnam's Quang Nam Province. Three days later, on April 17, 1969, Dahill and his team came under intense enemy fire in Thua Thien. They radioed a request for air strikes and support. But their call was never heard. Thunderstorms prevented air support from assisting Dahill and his team. The following day, a search team went looking for Team 6, but found no trace of their whereabouts. More than 8,000 miles away, in Lima, OH, an Ohio military family would begin their long, painful wait for news of their beloved son and brother.

For nearly four decades, the status of Delta's Reconnaissance Team 6 went unresolved. Like so many American families during the Vietnam war, the Dahill's were forced to cope with Douglas' unknown fate. When the Vietnam war ended, and after American Prisoners of War, POWs, were returned home, approximately 2,646 Americans were still unaccounted for. Initially, the U.S. partnered with the Republic of Vietnam to conduct joint searches for Americans missing in South Vietnam. This joint effort resulted in the recovery and identification of 63 American servicemembers, but Dahill was not among them.

When the Communist regime took over Vietnam in 1975, joint efforts to recover those missing in action were halted, and American families could only hope that Vietnam would unilaterally recover and return the remains of their missing loved ones. In 1991, Vietnam returned uniform parts and a small quantity of human remains that were allegedly associated with Delta's Reconnaissance Team 6. But the technology at the time was not able to conclusively identify the remains. It wasn't until approximately 1 year ago that a portion of these remains were positively attributed to Specialist Douglas Edward Dahill.

Since U.S. Government efforts began, the remains of more than 900 Americans killed in Vietnam have been returned and identified. However, 1,682 servicemembers—77 of whom are from Ohio—remain unaccounted for. The Department of Defense, and Congress, must continue to support recovery and identification efforts so that more

missing Americans can be laid to rest and more American families may know peace and closure.

Douglas Edward Dahill is survived by his sister Carol Long and brother John Dahill. On behalf of a grateful State and Nation, I thank Specialist Dahill and his service and sacrifice for our Nation. May he rest in peace in Arlington National Cemetery and in our Nation's heart.●

2011 SOLAR DECATHLON

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the University of Maryland, UMD, for winning the U.S. Department of Energy's 2011 Solar Decathlon competition. The competition is organized by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, America's premier laboratory for research and development regarding renewable energy and energy efficiency. This biennial event challenges collegiate teams from around the world to design, build, and operate solar-powered houses that are affordable to build and operate, energy-efficient, and aesthetically attractive. Nineteen teams representing the United States, China, New Zealand, Belgium, and Canada competed in this year's event, which was held at the National Mall's West Potomac Park.

I am so proud of the collaborative efforts of more than 200 UMD students, faculty, and mentors from diverse disciplines across the campus who participated in making their entry, WaterShed, such a resounding success. Students, faculty, and mentors came from the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources; the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation; the College of Computer, Mathematical & Natural Sciences; the A. James Clark School of Engineering; the University of Maryland Libraries; the National Center for Smart Growth Research & Education; and the Center for the Use of Sustainable Practices. Over ten academic courses were offered as part of WaterShed's development since the spring 2010 academic semester.

WaterShed was inspired by concern for the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem, so the project wasn't just a successful model for energy efficiency; it also implemented practical solutions to preserve our precious water resources and manage stormwater runoff, a particularly damaging form of pollution to the bay.

The Chesapeake Bay is Maryland's greatest natural resource. For Marylanders, this national treasure is the cornerstone of our economy and part of the fabric of our communities. Its restoration and protection have been the focal point of my work on environmental issues in the Senate. The University of Maryland's work in publicizing and promoting sustainable housing options like WaterShed for the residents of the Chesapeake Bay region will go a long way toward preserving this treasured resource. I cannot think of a more appropriate effort for the

University of Maryland to be engaged in, and I applaud everyone's hard work during the past two years towards this common cause and successful outcome.

The success of WaterShed is the pinnacle of a long history of achievement for the University of Maryland in the Solar Decathlon competition. The University of Maryland's initial design for the inaugural Solar Decathlon competition in 2002 became the foundation for subsequent entries. In 2002, Maryland's entry placed fourth. In 2005, Maryland's solar house won the People's Choice and Solar Innovation Awards while placing eighth overall. In 2007, Maryland's LEAFHouse won the People's Choice Award and received a host of other awards from industry and professional associations. The acronym LEAF stands for "Leading Everyone towards an Abundant Future." LEAFHouse placed second in the overall scoring.

The UMD team gained valuable knowledge from the 2005 design and LEAFHouse, both of which are still in use for educational purposes. This year, the team took its vision to an even higher level with WaterShed. The forms of the house highlight the path of a water drop. The split butterfly roofline collects storm water into the core of the house for use. WaterShed also features a holistic approach to water conservation, recycling, and storm water management. These features include a modular constructed wetland that helps filter and recycle greywater from the shower, washing machine, and dishwasher; a green roof that slows rainwater runoff to the landscape while improving the house's energy efficiency; and a garden, composting system, and edible wall system to illustrate a complete carbon cycle program.

So many people are involved in the Solar Decathlon. I would like to acknowledge several of them, including Richard J. King, Solar Decathlon director, and Betsy Black, sponsorship manager, at the U.S. Department of Energy, DOE. Other DOE personnel involved include Marilyn Burgess, John Chu, Sheila Dillard, Kerry Duggan, Nicole Epps, Peter Gage, Cassie Goldstein, David Lee, Howard Marks, Martha Oliver, Erin Pierce, Roland Risser, Phil West, and Janie Wise. At the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Carol Anna, Susan Bond, Bob Butt, Mike Coddington, Rebecca Dohrn, John Enoch, Sara Farrar-Nagy, Michael Gestwick, Amy Glickson, Pamela Gray-Hann, Sheila Hayter, Mary Ann Heaney, Henri Hubenka, Terri Jones, Ron Judkoff, Alicen Kandt, Stephen Lappi, Kamie Minor, Susan Moon, Ruby Nahan, Michael Oakley, Sean Ong, Alexis Powers, Joe Simon, Jeff Soltesz, Blaise Stoltenberg, Byron Stafford, Lee Ann Underwood, Amy Vaughn, Mike Wassmer, and Andrea Watson all lent their support to the Decathlon. Contractors and other contributors include Aquilent, Cécile Warner, Colorado Code Consulting, D&R